

Announcement of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to restore water quality in part of the tidal freshwater Rappahannock River that is contaminated with bacteria.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announce the third Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting for the Tidal Freshwater Rappahannock River TMDL study.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Jepson Alumni Center, Minor Board Room

Fredericksburg Campus of the University of Mary Washington

MEETING DESCRIPTION: This is the third TAC meeting for this project. The purpose of this meeting is to present draft reduction scenarios and allocations to the TAC, and solicit comments and feedback on materials presented at the meeting.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacteria contamination in a 3.8 square mile segment of the tidal freshwater Rappahannock River. The impaired river segment is located in portions of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford counties, and the city of Fredericksburg. Below is a description of the impaired portion of the Rappahannock River that will be addressed in this TMDL study.

Stream Name	Locality	Impairment	Area (mi ²)	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit
Rappahannock River	Fredericksburg Caroline King George Spotsylvania Stafford	Bacteria	3.8	Fall Line at the Route 1 Bridge in Fredericksburg	Confluence with Mill Creek, below the Route 301 Bridge

During the study, DEQ will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for the impaired river segment. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels have to be reduced to the TMDL allocated amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: The public comment period on the materials presented at the TAC meeting will extend from November 13, 2007 to December 13, 2007. DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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